

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Meeting Minutes: August 7, 2013

Members in Attendance: Paul Desrosiers, Julia Forgue, Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch and Bill Patenaude

Others in Attendance: Gregory Schultz, Esq., RI Attorney General's Office

Traci Pena, RIDEM

The first order of business was the review of the draft June 5, 2013 minutes.

After review, Mr. Desrosiers motioned to approve the open minutes. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all eligible members voting in favor. Ms. Forgue abstained as she did not attend the June 2013 meeting.

The next order was the review of the draft June 5, 2013 Executive Session meeting minutes.

After review, Mr. McLynch motioned to approve the June 5, 2013 Executive Session meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Kurdziel seconded all other members present voted in favor. Ms. Forgue abstained as she did not attend the June 2013 meeting.

The next item discussed were the draft Rules and Regulations for Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators. The hearing was held August 6, 2013 at which no comments were received. During the public comment period to day, two comments were received by emails.

Mr. Desrosiers motioned to approve the draft regulations contingent upon any comments being received during the remaining days of the public period and, if no additional comments are received, to allow Mr. Patenaude to move forward with promulgation of the Regulations. Ms. Forgue seconded the motion. With all eligible members voting in favor, the motion passed.

Next to be discussed was the Training Course Approval for Renewal Process. Assuming that the Regulations are passed, operators could start submitting credits with this year's renewal. The Board will be gathering information from other New England states and compare the process.

The next item on the agenda was exam applications.

The first was a request for a provisional determination for Grade 3 reciprocity. Mr. Patenaude performed an initial review that indicated that the applicant appeared to meet the requirements.

After discussion, Ms. Forgue motioned to give Mr. Patenaude authority to issue a provisional determination once the information is confirmed. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. All eligible members voted in favor. Mr. Desrosiers abstained.

The next application was a request for reciprocity. The applicant has a Massachusetts Grade 3 IOIT, which is an industrial license. He held a Rhode Island license which lapsed in 1999.

After discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to respond to the applicant that relicensure would be by exam only, and prior experience would be credited should the applicant pass the Grade 1 examination and attain a position at a RI wastewater treatment facility. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

Per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4), Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session to discuss issues regarding Rhode Island wastewater treatment operators related to possible civil or criminal misconduct. Ms. Forgue seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers and Ms. Forgue all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers and Ms. Forgue all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the August 2013 Executive session meeting minutes. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers and Ms. Forgue all voting in the affirmative.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLynch. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM office located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.